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VIA ECF

Hon. George B. Daniels United States District Judge United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007-1312

Sokolow, et al. v. Palestinian Liberation Organization, et al.

Docket No. 04-CV-397 (GBD)(RLE)

Dear Judge Daniels:

This firm represents the plaintiffs in the above-referenced case. I write to request that the Court impose an additional condition on its interim stay of enforcement of the judgment.

Some years ago, Defendants deposited \$1 million into the registry of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, as a result of an order by Judge Kessler of that Court in Gilmore v. Palestinian Authority (Docket No. 01 Civ. 853). Later, Judge Kessler granted summary judgment to Defendants in that case. The *Gilmore* plaintiffs have appealed that decision to the D.C. Circuit.¹

It has come to our attention that Defendants recently asked Judge Kessler to release the \$1 million deposit that they made in the Gilmore case. We respectfully ask that this Court modify its stay of enforcement in this case, by imposing an additional condition of the stay of enforcement of its judgment, as follows:

> If Defendants withdraw any funds from the registry of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia,

¹ This firm appeared for the *Gilmore* plaintiffs in the D.C. Circuit, but we do not represent them in the District Court.

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> all such funds shall be added to the registry of this Court as additional security for (and not as a substitute for) the security already required by this Court's order of August 24, 2015.

Such an order would provide additional security for Plaintiffs without burdening Defendants' finances, as the money at issue already is in the United States, was intended to secure Defendant's obligations under the Anti-Terrorism Act, and should remain outside of Defendant's control.

Respectfully,

Hon. Gladys Kessler cc: All ECF Counsel